



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

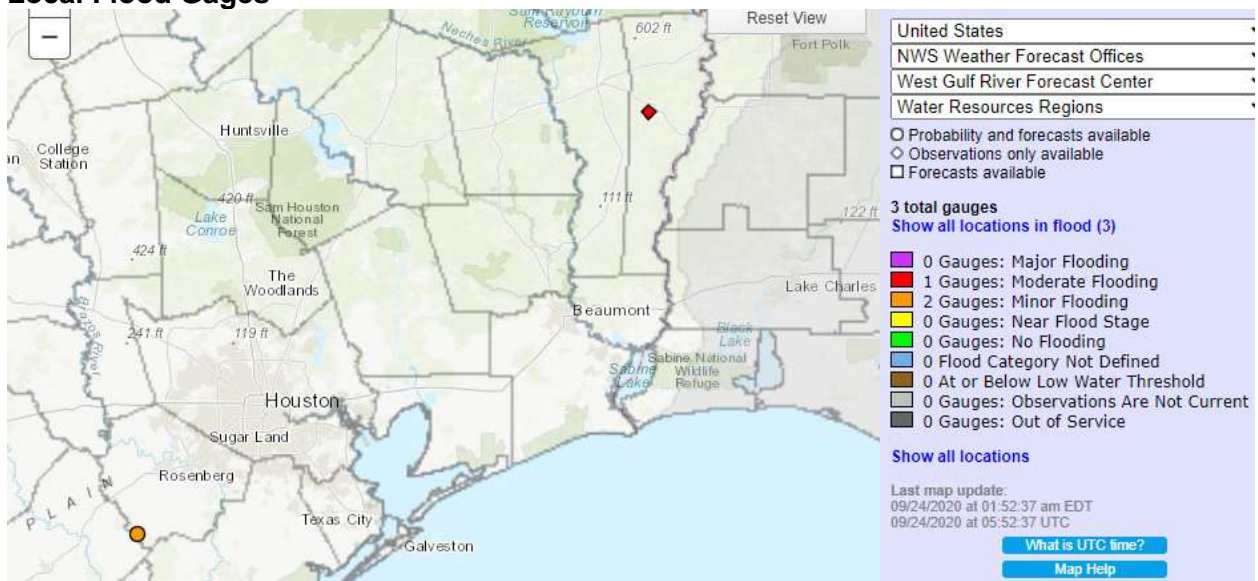
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Event Name	20-0014 September Tropical Weather
Date	September 24, 2020
Time	0800
Operational Period	September 23 - September 24, 2020
Report Number	Final

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2,3,6
DDCs Active	17, 20

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Post Tropical Storm Beta is no longer posing a threat to the State of Texas as it moved east into Louisiana and Mississippi. At 12:00 PM Wednesday September 23, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) State Operations Center (SOC) demobilized resources which were positioned to support residents who may have been affected. A flood warning remains in effect for low lying areas along the Sabine River near the Cities of Deweyville and Orange.

Local Flood Gages



On 9/21/20, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration for 29 Texas counties in response to Tropical Storm Beta. Counties included in the Disaster Declaration include Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Liberty, Live Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, Sabine, San Augustine, San Patricio, Shelby, Travis, Victoria, and Wharton.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 16B – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties)

Galveston County: [TxDOT Ferry operations at the Galveston – Bolivar Peninsula have returned to normal operations.](#)

[State Highway 87 on Galveston Island was reopened.](#)

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): The State of Texas State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff continuing receive and process disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), as well as disseminating severe weather messages, preparing Snapshots and the State SITREP. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the alternate State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners to assist with any unmet needs and resources.

TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): [TDEM ESF 2 / CCG, monitored the situation and prepared resources in the event of communications outages. The partners across the public, private and volunteer sectors assessed and adjusted their resources daily in accordance with the situation.](#)

[Private sector partners reached out to customers before and during the storm to notify them of services and assistance available during the storm. Service providers established multiple means by which customers can contact them. Cellular providers have assets pre-staged in state and nationally should there be a cellular outage.](#)

Frequency coordination with the TXSWIC, regarding USAR and Amateur Radio operations continue. The CCG participated in daily FEMA Region 6 ESF 2 coordination calls. Amateur Radio operators monitored emergency nets and had additional assets, such as repeater networks available if requested. The SOC Amateur radio operations secured on September 23.

CCG agencies identified critical communications assets in the storm's path that could have been impacted and required assistance. These include PSAP/911 centers, Local Primary – EAS Broadcast Stations, LMR – LE towers/etc.

There were no reports of major communications outages/interruptions that were not due to power outages.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): TX-TF1 SAR resources have been demobilized from the 20-0014 September Weather incident.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS): The TFS currently has [one](#) person committed to Tropical Storm Beta response to TDEM. Response activities include Incident Management Team support, STAR processing, and situation reports.






Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD Emergency Management and Senior Leadership are prepared to support the State with TPWD personnel and resources to support any need at the State Operations Center and in the field.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): [DSHS has demobilized response resources for this incident.](#)

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): [20 HPV crews in Bryan \(10\) and Houston \(10\) were released by TX-TF1. There are 40 flooded road locations resulting in three closures.](#)

Texas Military Department (TMD): [TMD has demobilized response resources for this incident.](#)

Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS): [TXDPS has returned to normal operations.](#)

AMBULANCES	BOATS	BUSES	AIRCRAFT	HIGH-PROFILE
				
0 Ambulances	0	6	0	40
0 AMBUS				

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TEEX	SOC Liaison	2		Assigned	Austin
TFS	TFS/ ESF 4 Rep	1		Assigned	Austin/SOC
TMD	BN Mission Command	12		Released	Temple
TMD	BN Mission Command	24	12	Released	Houston

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TMD	Ground Transportation Company HQs	11	5	Released	Beaumont
TMD	Ground Transportation Company HQs	12	5	Released	Houston
TMD	Ground Transportation Company HQs	12	7	Released	Fort Bend
TMD	Ground Transportation Companies	40	20	Released	Beaumont
TMD	Ground Transportation Companies	30	13	Released	Houston
TMD	Ground Transportation Companies	30	14	Released	Fort Bend
TMD	SOC Logs Vetter	5		Released	Austin
TMD	TX-TF1 LNO	1		Released	College Station

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Readiness Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: <https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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